

Meet The Huning Castle Neighborhood Association

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A Publication Of The Office Of Neighborhood Coordination



**Where New Meets Old -
The Huning Castle Apartments
1500 Central SW**

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Increasing Communication Between Neighborhood Associations."



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS/NEW OFFICERS

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination "welcomes" new presidents of neighborhood associations and says a "special thank you" to outgoing presidents. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the improvement of the life-style of your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Association

Hodgin
Huning Highland Historic District
Pat Hurley
Vineyard Estates

"Welcome" to Incoming President

Jean Soderberg
(vacant)
Julie Radoslovich
Pat Verrelle

"Thanks" to Outgoing President

Carl Soderberg
Kay Adams
Joan Jones
Michael Brewer

•*Rancho Sereno Neighborhood Association regained their "Recognized" status on October 4, 2005*

Just a Reminder: We will need the original Annual Report AND a copy of the announcement of your Annual Meeting submitted to our office **before** your Annual Report will be approved for the year. Please call Dalaina at 924-3906 for further information. Please make sure that you have the correct addresses listed for your officers on your Annual Report. Annual Reports for the following months are due:

August Annual Reports are due:	November 1, 2005
September Annual Reports are due:	December 1, 2005
October Annual Reports are due:	January 1, 2006

ATTENTION: When submitting your yearly Annual Report please mail to our physical street address below:

Planning Department/Office of Neighborhood Coordination
Attention: Dalaina Carmona
600 Second Street NW, Rm. 120 (Basement Level)
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Tingley Beach Now Open

Tingley Beach (between Atrisco & Rio Grande) opened to the public on Saturday, October 15, 2005. The fishing lakes have been stocked with rainbow trout and are open to the public for fishing. Access to Tingley Beach is free of charge, however, fishing licenses will be required for ages 12 and older. Hours of operation for Tingley Beach are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day of the year. Construction will continue through the winter on the wetlands, the model boating lake and other park amenities. Visit the **Tingley Beach** website for fishing and license information. Anyone **12 & over** must have a valid New Mexico fishing license. All New Mexico fishing regulations apply. The Tingley Train runs between Tingley Beach, the BioPark and the Rio Grande Zoo - connecting these three great City sites!



All Aboard!



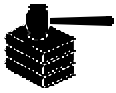
Opening Day
At Tingley Beach



All Kinds Of Locals
Attend Opening Day
At Tingley!



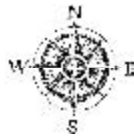
Bye, Bye!



Metro Court

Submitted by Janet Blair

Across The City



Ten Things You Should Know About Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court

1. Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court is the busiest court in the state of New Mexico, serving up to 4,000 customers every day.
2. You can take a guided tour of the new courthouse. Make arrangements by calling **841-9897**. School groups, Scouts and professional groups, etc., are all welcome. This is your courthouse.
3. The court is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our Background Investigations Unit is always on the job, and the public can do business with our in-house or walk-up In-Custody Bonding window at any time. If your Uncle Charlie is arrested for DWI, you can bond him out of jail, even if it is 3 a.m. on a Saturday morning.
4. Judges are available to speak to community groups and school classes on a variety of criminal justice topics, including civil or criminal law. Many of our judges are experts in the field of Domestic Violence, DWI/Drug Courts and Court Intervention Programs. For more information about our Speakers Bureau, call **841-9897**.
5. The cost of the new 266,000 square foot courthouse is paid by user fees, not taxpayer dollars. Everyone who pays a fine also pays a \$24 facilities fee.
6. The Bernalillo County Metropolitan Courthouse is one of the most technologically-advanced courthouses in the country and has been featured in a number of tech magazines because of its advanced computer systems.
7. This year, the court expects to handle close to 135,000 cases including traffic tickets, misdemeanor criminal charges and small claims civil cases.
8. Each of our 15 Criminal Division judges has a caseload of about 8,000 cases per year - that is the highest caseload in New Mexico.
9. If you get a citation and wish to pay for it over the phone, you can do so in many cases. Our Telephone Bank handles about 1,000 calls a day. They accept MasterCard and Visa. Call for information at **841-8151**.
10. Our DWI/Drug Court has been so successful dealing with offenders our experts are called on by communities across the country to help them set up their Drug Courts. Our court is considered a "mentor court."

Agency On Aging

Visions of the Heart: Workshops for Caregivers

Saturday, November 5, 2005 will be a day of workshops for caregivers, especially those who care for those with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementia. Workshops will be held at Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth Street, SE in Albuquerque. Workshops will cover Community Resources, Legal and Financial Issues, Health Dilemmas, Safety Issues, Grief and Loss and other topics caregivers need to know. Lunch will be provided and there is no cost to caregivers for the day. **Registration is required. Call 924-3643 to request a registration form be mailed to you.** If you have special needs, such as respite care for your loved one, transportation, etc., please call **924-3643**. This series is hosted by the City of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Area Agency on Aging, AARP, and the Department of Senior Affairs.

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Route 66 Corridor Preservation News)

Ten Cost-Share Grants Awarded for 2005

Every year, the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program sponsors an open season for cost-share grants relating to Route 66 reservation projects. Applicants include private individuals; local, state, and tribal government agencies; and nongovernmental organizations. In 2005, 20 applicants were submitted for funding consideration. Through a priority-rating system, 10 projects, were selected to receive a total of \$114,226 in available grant funds. A complete listing of current and previous awards is available at <www.cr.nps.gov/rt66>. New Mexico is one of the recipients for 2005!

Project: Nob Hill and Premiere Motel
Neon Sign Restoration
Recipient: Private Owner
Amount: \$8,500 NPS, \$8,500 match

The Nob Hill and Premiere Motel neon signs located on Central Avenue in Albuquerque, New Mexico, will be restored to operating condition, joining a number of other signs that have recently been restored along Route 66 in New Mexico. Both motel properties were built in the 1940's, and are good examples of the historic motor courts that proliferated with the increase of traffic on Route 66. Both signs are listed on the New Mexico State Registry of Cultural Properties. The Nob Hill sign was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.





NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS THE FENCE

Huning Castle Neighborhood Association

Submitted by Herb Howell

Recently, the Huning Castle Neighborhood Association has taken on a new form that includes major leadership changes. The area within its boundaries is changing with the addition of the new apartment complex on Central, the completion of the Tingley Beach area, and the completion of the new "String of Pearls", inner city, narrow gauge railway line, that links key attractions around the downtown core.

For years Huning Castle Neighborhood Association was guided by the Presidency of Greg Hicks - from 1999 to 2004. Greg Hicks, a local attorney, who provided some of the most comprehensive intra-neighborhood communication of any association in the city. Advocacy was strong and well organized while the association kept a watchful eye on development plans for the immediate area. Huning Castle has always had a strong voice in city government affairs.

The neighborhood association was established in 1987 with one of the most complete set of by-laws available at the time. Mike Hightower was the first president of the neighborhood association. Their boundary area is roughly referred to as the "Country Club area" and runs along Kit Carson Park and north as far as Central Avenue. This is the first area of town where the Luminarias became a "neighborhood thing" which became a source of pride to all of Albuquerque. Later, each neighborhood took pride in their own part of the annual event, as it grew through other areas of the city. This is also the area of town that is often preferred for local footraces and even the Duke City Marathon because of the broad flat streets plus the proximity to the bicycle and running trails along the Rio Grande. The association limits the amount of races that can be run each year within it's boundaries due to the street closures required to run major events. There has always been a lot of local pride in the neighborhood.

A large variety of officers have held positions over the years. Counting current President Lynn Hightower, ten different people have served as Neighborhood Association President since 1987. Norman Gabel served four terms from 1991 to 1994. Jim Hoffsis served four terms as Vice-President, alongside Greg Hicks. Jerry Small served eight terms as Treasurer from 1996 to 2003. Current

President Lynn Hightower had previously served four terms as Vice President in the 1990's before becoming President in May of 2005.

Over the years, this association has seen a great degree of continuity in leadership as a number of people served as different officers in the association. Even current Vice President, Diane Souder served as neighborhood association president in 1995-96, with Lynn Hightower as her Vice President. Now, a decade later, those roles have reversed. The startling thing about the neighborhood today is that ten of the thirteen board positions are filled by residents who are newly elected.

The association has always been well organized and even publishes an annual calendar of events the association and the neighborhood are involved in. The Run for the Zoo, the Duke City Marathon, a neighborhood clean-up, National Night Out and the Luminaria Tour are key annual events for the Huning Castle Neighborhood Association.

With local real estate values soaring and an influx of younger families into the neighborhood, a new sense of energy and neighborhood pride is becoming more evident each year. The Huning Castle Neighborhood can serve as an example to other associations looking for a model of efficiency and organization to go with continuity of leadership.



**The Country Club Area Offers
Cool Shade On Warm Days**



Little Theatre - Big Shows

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



**From The
Manager's Desk**

by Herb Howell

Herb Howell

Changing Your By-Laws?

During recent months the Office of Neighborhood Coordination has experienced an increasing amount of *intended by-law changes*. Most of these intended changes relate to boundaries and the expansion of the existing lines that define your association.

The City of Albuquerque Legal Department wrote some instructions to neighborhood associations on how to properly change your Neighborhood Association's by-laws. After looking at these elements, I want to present the specifics of by-law changes as it relates to the boundaries of your neighborhood association.

If you plan to amend your by-laws, you will need to do the following required steps in order to put them in place:

1. Notification of the meeting to approve the new by-laws must be provided, as described in the Neighborhood Recognition Ordinance O-92.
2. The vote shall be of dues paying members, usually one per household and no proxies.
3. The newly approved by-laws must be signed and dated by the designated officers; the President and Secretary.
4. A sample of your by-laws must be provided and submitted with a cover letter stating the changes to the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, COA/ Planning Department, 600 Second St., Rm. 120, Albuquerque, NM 87102, Attn: Dalaina Carmona.
5. Newly accepted by-laws are not to be utilized or applied until all above requirements are out into place and approved by the Office of Neighborhood Coordination.

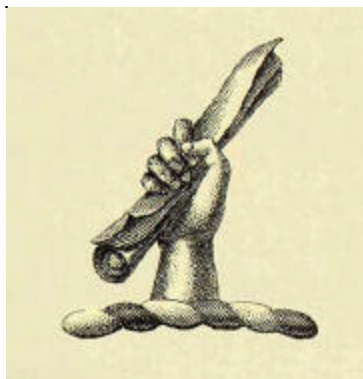
The problem our office is experiencing of late is that associations submit

changes to our office that are not reflected in changes of by-laws or accompanied by a map. Often changes are not reflective of the fact that another Recognized association may already occupy that requested area and the change might constitute an overlap with an existing neighborhood association.

In order to smooth the process of boundary and by-laws changes, there are certain procedures which must be adhered to in order for the changes to become official. **The Office of Neighborhood Coordination requires the following:**

- A cover letter stating old to new changes.
- A **map** showing the specific boundaries and written identification of the changes-all on one sheet.
- A copy of the amended by-laws.
- The signature and dates of signature of the officers involved in the change.
- The date the changes were adopted and ratified.

Please note that your by-law changes and new boundaries are not in effect until you receive a letter from the Office of Neighborhood Coordination confirming the acceptance of your actions. Clarification of these processes will hopefully enhance the ability of your Neighborhood Association's to make your desired changes. If you have further questions, please feel free to call me at **924-3905**.



**Neighborhood
Workshop Corner**

Effective Meetings Workshop

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Plaza del Sol Hearing Room

Conducting effective meetings begins well before the meeting date. Prior to the meeting the leader sets the agenda, established goals for the meetings, review past minutes . . . At the meeting the leaders run the meeting by sticking to the agenda . . . After the meeting the evaluation takes place - did we follow the agenda . . . ?

This is but a brief outline of what will be covered in this workshop - come prepared to discuss and share what makes your meetings successful.

**Neighborhood Association
Patrol Training**

Saturday, November 5, 2005

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**APD Training Academy
5412 Second Street NW
(just south of Montano at Second,
east side)**

Community Policing is a philosophy, which recognizes the mutual dependence and shared responsibility of the police and community in making Albuquerque safer and more livable. Neighborhood Association Patrols are not in and of themselves community policing, but one tool that may be selected by neighborhoods to maintain or improve safety in the Neighborhood.

Registration for all workshops closes at 12 noon the day before the training. You may register for workshops by calling ONC at **924-3914**, by fax at **924-3913** or on-line at <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/nbr/workshop.html> Please pre-register.

To accommodate all workshop participants, you must be pre-registered to attend these workshops. Registration includes your name, address, telephone number and association. We appreciate your consideration and cooperation. Workshops are held in the Plaza Del Sol Building Hearing Room #160, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW, unless indicated otherwise.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Mayor Martin J. Chávez

Time to Roll Up Our Sleeves

While there will be a run-off for the city council seat in District 9 on November 15, the recent election was otherwise a very decisive one and I am grateful it is behind us.

The voters have spoken and those of us re-elected or newly elected to public office have our marching orders from you, the people of the community who took an interest and made the time to vote.

Regardless of who you supported, I want you to know that I work for you and that I am honored for the privilege. I believe I share the sentiment of all the city council also that it is a time for putting the heat of a campaign behind us and looking for ways to work together to move our community forward.

It is now time for us to roll up our sleeves and get to work on an ambitious agenda.

Public Safety: Another drop in the crime rate is going to require, among other things, another 100 new police officers and further innovation in such areas as community policing and prevention and intervention work.

I will rest on my public safety laurels only when anyone and everyone can feel and actually be safe in any part of town at any time of day or night. Resolution of the jail size and management issue with the county is also going to have to be tackled once and for all in the next year.

The county commission majority has not been interested to date in adding jail capacity, while I believe space behind bars for every bad guy who deserves to be there is a must. We will have more of this discussion going forward and it will tie in

with single ownership and operation of the jail, whether it is by the city or county. The time for muddled management in this area has come to an end.

Light Rail: I ran on a promise to finally bring light rail back to Albuquerque as part of a comprehensive multi-modal transit system that will facilitate better and smarter infill growth. I intend to break ground before the end of my term, and believe this will go a long way toward making Albuquerque both easier to get around in as well as more attractive to investment and good job growth for our children and grandchildren.

Rapid Ride buses, a sort of surrogate form of light rail in the nearer term, is already proving the concept's worth as more and more people figure out that they can get across town just as fast, and without the hassle of parking. When you add the factor of rising gas prices and air quality improvements, I firmly believe we are on the 'right track' with this one.

Education: I am a firm believer in top quality public education and am promising a new and closer working relationship with the School Board and the schools.

I have already spent much of my current term getting directly into classrooms or hearing from student groups, making a point to do something in this regard every week. So I believe I have a very good feel for the current learning environment.

What I will be seeking as a first step is broad public and stakeholder input as to where all the real issues are, what is lacking to properly address them, and what we at the municipal level can do to bolster the learning environment and opportunities for all our children.

If we turn public education around in those parts of our community where it is falling down, we will soon find that our crime rates go down and that more of the employers who have the most desirable jobs in the world want to make Albuquerque their home.

Meanwhile, I will continue to bring new world class amenities on line such as the BioPark, Balloon Museum, Tingley Beach and, if the latest financing studies still prove the concept, a world-class downtown arena. You deserve a safe, accessible city with work and recreational opportunities that make us a marquee community of the Southwest, and that is what I will continue to strive for.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege of being your Mayor.

Make A Difference Day

Mayor Chávez has proclaimed October 21 and 22, 2005 as **Make a Difference Day, Making History by Making a Difference**, a Tricentennial event. You may have recently spotted advertisement panels on City buses or PSA's on KOAT television announcing this national day of volunteerism. This community-wide event provides opportunities for volunteers to participate in neighborhood clean-ups, restoration of nature trails, or perform work for non-profit organizations – helping them complete projects such as collecting blankets or toiletries for a homeless shelter, painting homes for senior citizens, or reading to children at a local day care center.

Make a Difference Day is the nation's largest day of volunteering, sponsored nationally by USA Weekend magazine in partnership with the Points of Light Foundation. Last year's coordinator, the Junior League of Albuquerque, received national recognition in USA Weekend magazine, plus a \$10,000 award from Paul Newman.

Local non-profit agencies have submitted 200 projects they need completed. The projects are posted on the MOVE website at www.cabq.gov/move. Please review the projects, and then contact Debra Saine at **768-3004** or dsaine@cabq.gov if you wish to claim a project. Projects will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thank You!



City Council

Council staff may be reached at **768-3100**. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling **768-3100** after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the council meeting. The City Council's fax number is **768-3227**. Agendas, Action Items and Summaries are available on the Council's webpage at www.cabq.gov/council/counsched.html.

A Message From Your City Council

Despite a busy municipal election season, Albuquerque City Councilors have remained hard at work in their efforts to represent and serve their constituents. Listed below are some random highlights of the wide variety of work currently being done by your Albuquerque City Council.

District 1 – City Council Vice-President Miguel Gomez recently saw through the annexation of 21.21 acres on the City's far southwest side after receiving a petition from the area's residents requesting the City to extend its services into the area. The annexed space is within the Tower/Unser Sector Development Plan; the move will allow for the provision of much needed utility services to the residents there.

District 2 – City Councilor Debbie O'Malley convened an intensive design and planning effort to improve the area ~~surrounding the intersection of 12th Street~~ NW and Menaul Blvd. NW, including the Indian School site west of 12th Street. Over 200 people were directly engaged in the planning effort and the culminating plan addresses the area's land use, public spaces, streetscape, building placement, building form and transportation.

District 3 – City Councilor Eric Griego is working on R-05-332, a resolution calling for the City of Albuquerque to assist in the creation of a city-wide wireless broadband network. Many citizens are currently unable to access the internet because of cost or unavailability of the service and within five to seven years, wireless broadband is expected to be the vehicle for all communication, including telephone, television, e-mail and the internet. The resolution will be decided upon by the City Council on October 17, 2005.

District 4 – City Council President Brad Winter is proposing the reduction of the City of Albuquerque's property tax rate

to represent the lower debt service requirement resulting from the reduction of a 2005 two year capital program by the City Council in July. Upon completion of the City's bond program, several projects were vetoed by the Mayor, including the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center and the Sawmill/Wells Park Metropolitan Redevelopment Area project and Fire Station Rehabilitation. President Winter's bill, if approved, will tailor the City's property tax rate to reflect the reductions in required funding.





District 5 – City Councilor Michael Cadigan is spearheading an ordinance (O-05-143) that will restrict smoking and fire in open space lands and regional preserves, particularly in the Rio Grande Valley State Park (the Rio Grande Bosque). The policy does allow for smoking and fire in developed facilities where doing so is specifically designated and required for uses such as stoves and barbecue grills. However, such fires will be required to be attended at all times and fully extinguished after each device's use. In cases where environmental conditions are extremely dry, the policy will allow the Mayor to eliminate the use of fire altogether in such areas.

District 6 – City Councilor Martin Heinrich has created a convenience store safety task force in which industry representatives, neighborhood leaders, police officers and members of the Safe City Strike Force have been working to address convenience stores that have become magnets for criminal activity. Such their excessive calls for police response. The task force is near completion of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) requiring convenience stores throughout Albuquerque to implement safety measures including increased exterior security patrol during late night hours and on weekends. Effectiveness of the measures will be re-evaluated by the task force in six months.

District 7 – In order to be more accessible to her constituents, Councilor Mayer holds monthly 'Heart of the Heights' meetings in her district. These meetings take place on the third Wednesday of every month and include a guest speaker and adequate time for questions from participants. Councilor Mayer will resume holding her meetings in January 2006 and welcomes any suggestions for future topics. As a result of the 'Heart of the Heights' meetings, Councilor Mayer introduced O-05-124 to amend the definition of an abandoned vehicle. This bill should be heard by the Council in the next few weeks.

District 8 – City Councilor Craig Loy has introduced an amendment to the City of Albuquerque's Nuisance Abatement Ordinance (O-05-138), redefining the definition of "public nuisance" to include additional criminal offenses and calls for service in the list of reasons for which the Safe City Strike Force can address problematic properties throughout the city. The amendment adds incidents such as murder, assault, cruelty to animals and a slew of other violations to the list of crimes for which a property can be addressed by the strike force. The City Council will also hear another bill introduced by Councilor Loy, R-05-328, a resolution which will designate certain areas in the City as "no-cruising" areas during certain parts of the day and week.

District 9 – City Councilor Tina Cummins is attempting to address public safety in her neighborhoods through simple solutions such as the installation of additional street lighting. Because the City of Albuquerque could not afford the additional costs associated with the new street lighting, Councilor Cummins recently sponsored legislation that allocated additional operational money to pay the electric bill when new street lighting was installed. Her district and others have now benefited additional street and park lighting.

Oct. 24 - Nov. 2	7 - 11	12 - 17	18 - 30
Monday, October 24* •City Council – 5 p.m. (*Tentative)	Monday, November 7 •City Council – 5 p.m. Tuesday, November 8 •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.	Monday, November 14 •City Council – 5 p.m. •SWAN – 6:30 p.m.	Monday, November 21 •City Council – 5 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Wednesday, November 9 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. •District 6 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Tuesday, November 15 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Tuesday, November 22 •BOA – 9 a.m.
Wednesday, October 26 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.	Thursday, November 10 •GWPB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9:30 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 4 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m.	Wednesday, November 16 •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, November 23 •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 2 •AAB – 9 a.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.	Friday, November 11 *Veteran's Day - City Offices Closed*	Thursday, November 17 •EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Monday, November 28* •City Council – 5 p.m. (*if necessary)
			

2005 CALENDAR LEGEND

AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room, 244-7700
ACTMI - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, 764-8932
ADC - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room, Basement Level, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
AQCB - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
BOA - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW
City Council - Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
District 4 Coalition - Cherry Hills Library, 6901 Barstow NE
District 6 Coalition - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
District 7 Coalition - Sandia High School, Lecture Hall, 7801 Candelaria NE
District 8 Coalition - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE
DRB -Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
EPC - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
EPC Pre-Hearing - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
EPC Study Session - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
GABAC - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302, 768-2680
GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call 768-5308 for information
GWPB - Ground Water Protection Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW
LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee - 11510 Sunset Gardens SW, 833-7300 or <www.lepcabqbernc.org> for more information
LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
North Valley Coalition - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW
POC - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, 5th and Marquette
SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations - South Valley BSCO Sheriff's Substation, 2039 Isleta SW.
SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW
TAB - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, 764-6121
Westside Coalition - Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW

EPC Hearing Notice

Publication of EPC hearing notices in the *Albuquerque Journal* will now occur on the **Wednesday - 22 days prior** to the public hearing on the **3rd Thursday of the month**. The hearing notice includes the time, place and date of the hearing along with a brief description of each application on the agenda. Previously, hearing notices were published 15 days before the public hearing. The reason for this change is to meet the advertising requirements for EPC study sessions which occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Rather than advertising the hearing and study session separately, a single notice will be prepared to advertise both. Contact the Planning Department at **924-3860** if you have questions.

Neighborhood Alert – Be aware that public comments at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. The **48-Hour Rule of the EPC**: All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Dept. no later than **9 a.m.** on the **Tuesday** of the Public Hearing week. For an Appeal Hearing – no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

In order to make maximum use of the following information please note:

- Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- The assigned staff planner is identified with each agenda item should you need additional information (i.e., check on the actual placement of your case on the agenda). All staff may be reached at **924-3860**.
- On the day of the Hearing, call Planning at **924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the Hearing.
- Staff reports are available at the Planning Office beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **Thursday** prior to the EPC Hearing.

On the **2nd Thursday of each month**, the EPC has a Study Session to review the applications scheduled for the all-day public hearing which occurs on the **3rd Thursday of each month**. As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions; however, Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC. Study Sessions regularly begin at **4 p.m.** in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room. Please call the Planning Department at **924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule as adjustments are made occasionally.

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, October 26, 2005** at **1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, November 17, 2005** at **8:30 a.m.** in the Plaza del Sol (basement) Hearing Room for the following cases:

Northeast

Towne Park and South Los Altos (neighborhood association); 05EPC-01114 and 01116, Project #1000572 (case #'s); Approximately forty-three (43) acre(s) located on the north side of Chico Road NE between Eubank Boulevard NE and Morris Street NE (**location of request**); K-21 (**zone atlas page #**); Consensus Planning, Inc. at **764-9801**, agent for Centex Homes (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for IP to SU-1 PRD and a EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a mixed single-family and multi-family residential development(**action requested**); Catalina Lehner at **924-3935 (city staff planner)**.

Cibola Addition, Glenwood Hills South Casa Grande, Holiday Park; 05EPC-01561, Project #1002635; Approximately three (3) acre(s) located on the west side of Tramway Boulevard NE at Candelaria Road NE between Candelaria Road NE and Comanche Road NE; H-22; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **764-9801**, agent for Goz G. Segars; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed new Hastings Bookstore and Hardback Café; Catalina Lehner at **924-3935**.

Nor Este; 05EPC-01564, Project #1004472; Approximately five (5) acre(s) located on the north side of Modesto Avenue NE between San Pedro Drive NE and Louisiana Boulevard NE; B-18; Mark Goodwin and Associates, P.A. at **828-2200**, agent for Rhett Waterman by Contract; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2 for Cemetery to RD to develop the property into thirty-five (35) single-family homes; Carmen Marrone at **924-3814**.

Santa Barbara-Martineztown, Stronghurst Improvement; 05EPC-01568 and 01569, Project #1004474; Approximately seventeen (17) acre(s) located on the east side of Menaul School boundaries between Menaul Boulevard NE and Broadway Boulevard NE and I-25 Freeway; H-15; Community Sciences Corporation at **897-0000**, agent for KB Homes, New Mexico; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from M-1 to SU-1 for PRD and a EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed residential development consisting of two hundred thirteen (213) single-family units; David Stallworth at **924-3940**.

Southeast

No Association(s); 05EPC-01565, Project #1004097; Approximately eight (8) acre(s) located on the east side of University Boulevard SE between the intersection of Bobby Foster Road SE; Q-R-16; Denish + Kline Associates at **842-6461**, agent for Forest City Covington NM, LLC; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for Mesa Del Sol Employment Center Building 1; Catalina Lehner at **924-3935**.

Northwest

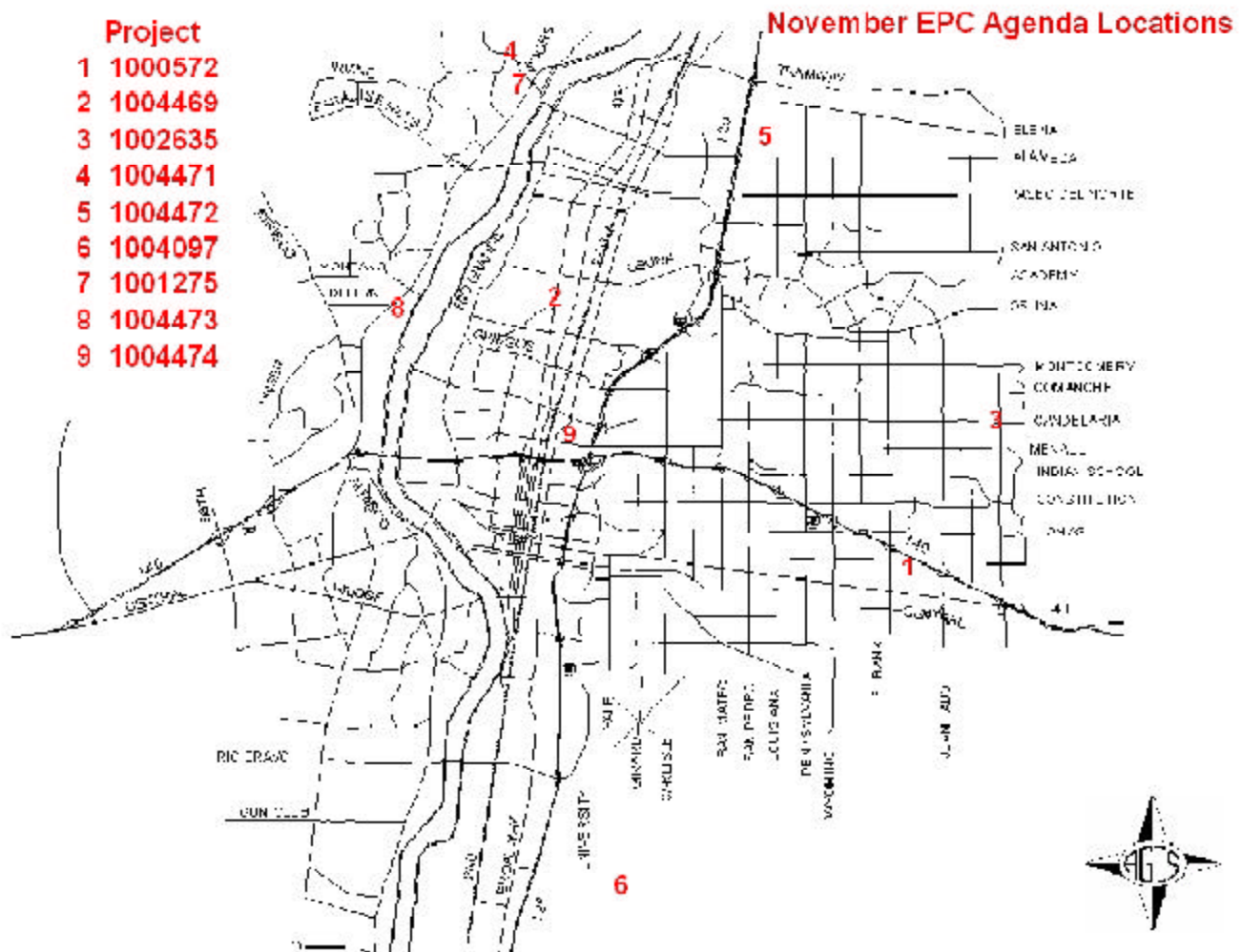
Lee Acres; 05EPC-01557 and 01558, Project #1004469; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the west side of Fourth Street NW between Solar Road NW and Guadalupe Trail NW; E-14; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **294-5243**, agent for SCM Property Company, LLC; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to SU-1 for C-1 Permissive Uses and Drive Up Service Window for a proposed Starbucks Coffee Shop and an additional 1,500 square foot of retail or restaurant use; David Stallworth at **924-3940**.

No Association(s); 05EPC-01562 and 01563, Project #1004471; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the north side of Highway 528 between Cottonwood Drive NW and Ellison Drive NW; A-14; Arch+Plan Land Use Consultants, LLC at **843-9622**, agent for Hacienda Martinez, LLC; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and Subdivision for a proposed mixed use retail with office, wholesale and warehouse uses; Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933**.

No Association(s); 05EPC-01566, Project #1001275; Approximately nine (9) acre(s) located on the north side of Old Airport Road NW between Cottonwood Drive NW and Coors Boulevard NW; A-14; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **764-9801**, agent for Team Retail Cottonwood, Ltd.; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Bed, Bath and Beyond and other retail stores in this 92,000 square foot retail center; Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933**.

La Luz Del Sol, La Luz Landowners, Taylor Ranch; 05EPC-01567, Project #1004473; Approximately twenty-four (24) acre(s) located on the east side of Coors Boulevard NW between Montano Road NW and Learning Road NW; E-12; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **764-9801**, agent for SEGIS Realty Group; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for one hundred and five (105) condominiums and three hundred (300) apartment units on the multi-family portion of North Andalucia (Tracts 4 and 6); Carmen Marrone at **924-3814**.

(Map not to scale; for reference purposes only)



AFD

*Submitted by James Breen, Battalion Commander,
Task Force Leader, NMTF-1*



AFD and Hurricane Katrina

The Albuquerque Fire Department recently deployed 20 members with New Mexico Task Force 1 and 1 police officer from APD to New Orleans in response to Hurricane Katrina. The Task Force is a composite search and rescue team who's membership is from municipalities, medical institutions and private citizens from around New Mexico. NMTF-1 was activated on August 29 and returned to Albuquerque on September 9. During the deployment, the task force evacuated 286 persons, 12 of which were trapped in their homes, provided food and water to 186 persons whom refused to evacuate, provided medical care to 140 persons, identified the location of 35 deceased victims and rescued 50 animals from toxic flood waters. The experience gained from our participation in responding to major disasters makes our own community more disaster resilient and better prepared for major emergency incidents.

Cultural Services

**Veterans' Day Ceremony
November 11, 2005**

On **Friday, November 11, 2005** an observance of those who have served in our Armed Forces will take place at the New Mexico Veterans' Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd. SE. This is a free program and is open to the public. The program will begin with a musical prelude starting at 9 a.m.

**Tricentennial "Twinkle Light Parade"
November 26, 2005**

*Mayor Martin J. Chávez, the Albuquerque City Council,
and the Joiner Family present the Tricentennial "Twinkle
Light Parade" - An Illuminating Experience!*

On **Saturday, November 26, 2005** the Tricentennial "Twinkle Light Parade" will take place in downtown Albuquerque, showcasing a variety of parade entries all decked out in festive holiday lighting. The parade will take place at night, starting at 5 p.m. The parade route will begin on Third Street and Central Avenue, head west on Central Avenue and continue to the Rio Grande Botanic Garden, approximately two miles in length. The festivities will continue at the Rio Grande Botanic Garden where spectators can enjoy the magic of hundreds of thousands of twinkling lights and dazzling holiday displays at the 9th Annual River of Lights.

*For spectator information please call 505-768-3556;
for parade participation please call 505-341-2525;
for Park& Ride information please call 505-243-7433.*



City of Albuquerque
Cultural Services Department
KiMo Theatre

Join us for

**LA LLORONA AND GHOST STORIES
Saturday, October 29, 10 a.m. to Noon**

Ghosts and Spirits Prepare for Halloween
at the KiMo Theatre!

The City of Albuquerque's Cultural Services Department and the New Mexico Humanities Council, in conjunction with the Albuquerque Tricentennial, invites the whole family to the historic KiMo Theatre on **Saturday, October 29, from 10 a.m. to noon** to enjoy a special presentation of *La Llorona* and *Ghost Stories*.

La Llorona will be brought to life through the popular performance and songs of multi-talented Rosalia de Aragon. This famous ghost story is known throughout the world for *La Llorona*'s eerie, wailing cries as she searches for her lost loved ones.

Mary Ellen Gonzales will charm audiences with her sparkling presentation of historic *Ghost Stories* from New Mexico. Gonzales tells native Hispanic stories as well as ghost and creation stories from many other cultures.

This spine-tingling event is sure to entertain young and old alike as *La Llorona* and *Ghost Stories* grace the stage of the City of Albuquerque's historic KiMo Theatre.

This presentation is part of the Humanities Council's Chautauqua roster of more than 70 speakers and "living history" performers.

Admission Is Free!

The KiMo Theatre is located in downtown Albuquerque at the corner of 5th and Central. For information call **768-3522**, or go online to www.cabq.gov/kimo.

Contact: Craig Rivera, Manager, KiMo Theatre
423 Central Ave. NW, ABQ, NM 87102
Phone: **505-768-3589** Fax: **505-768-3542**
[<crivera@cabq.gov>](mailto:crivera@cabq.gov)

CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments

Cultural Services

Submitted by Melanie LaBorwit

Ballooning Into A New Season

The Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum is off to a flying start! After a successful opening in October right in the midst of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, the plans for some exciting events are getting underway.

This month, November, is the Albuquerque Tricentennial observation of Science and Technology month. Recognizing the role that is played by balloons in scientific innovation, the Balloon Museum will be participating in the festivities. In Ballooning history, November 21, 1783 is an important date, marking the first successful balloon flight by the Montgolfier brothers in France. While the museum will not be open on that day, throughout the week, the museum staff will be marking ballooning firsts. Historic balloonists will be on hand to tell you of their epic adventures. We will have students from several schools around the city launching hundreds of paper balloons for a festive miniature balloon rally, with the help of Balloon Explorium, a non-profit education organization devoted to sharing an understanding of the science and technology and joy of ballooning.

In a previous issue we noted the opportunities for volunteers at the Balloon Museum. All volunteers are provided with a series of free classes to gain knowledge of the museum's remarkable collection and the subjects of the museum's exhibits. We have another volunteer training course beginning on Monday November 7, continuing on Mondays thru December 19. The classes will be held in the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. – 4 p.m. If you have ever thought about working as a museum docent, this is a great time to join a new institution. For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Lorrie Welby 505-768-6028 or <lwelby@cabq.gov>.

Admission to the Balloon Museum is \$4.00 per adult (with \$1 discount for New Mexico residents with a valid ID), \$2.00 for seniors (65+), \$1.00 for children ages 4-12. Children 3 and under; Museum Foundation Members; ICOM, AAM & NMAM members are free. The Balloon Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Solid Waste



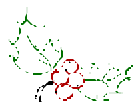
Fall Green Waste Collection



On your regular trash collection day, during the weeks of December 5 - 9 and December 12 - 16, the City Solid Waste Department will offer free Green Waste Pickup.

City of Albuquerque residents must place their green waste (leaves, grass and brush) in trash bags not weighing more than 40 lbs. each on the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular trash pickup day.

Items must be placed 5 feet away from the automated trash container. Branches should be cut to 4 foot lengths and bundled securely. The City will not pick up dirt, construction debris, gravel or any other landscape material. For more information, call 761-8100.



Solid Waste Holiday Schedule



Veteran's Day, 11/11/2004 - regular garbage service

Thanksgiving Day, 11/24/2005

No garbage service and convenience centers will be closed. Garbage will be picked up one day later:

11/24 pickup is scheduled for 11/25

11/25 pickup is scheduled for 11/26

Christmas Day and New Year's Day do not affect your garbage collection service

Remember to

Recycle your Cardboard Boxes!

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

QUESTIONS?

CALL 761-8100

<www.cabq.gov/solidwaste>



Water Utility Department
Wastewater Utility Division
 Submitted by Brynda Gutierrez

Line 142

You may be asking what in the world is Line 142A? Is there an interesting new TV show that I am missing? No, you are not missing a show from the new fall line up. Line 142A is actually the name of one of the major collection lines in the City of Albuquerque.

Nine million gallons a day runs through line 142A. The line runs from the north end of town to the south end of town. This fifty-four inch line is getting a major overhaul. The line was installed in late 1950's and early 1960's.

In order to meet the needs of their customers the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Department, Wastewater Utility Division, is resizing the line to seventy-two inches. Contractor AUI, Inc. is replacing 3,000 feet of the line starting north of Rio Bravo SW. The old line was made of reinforced concrete; the new line will be made of fiberglass a material superior to reinforced concrete.

The replacement of the line will result in less odors, sewer line collapses, and blockages in the collection system. Please call **873-7041** if you have questions about this project.



AUI, Inc. at work



72 Inch Line



APD Crime Prevention 505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



Halloween Safety

The time for monsters, super hero's and ghosts has arrived again. Halloween is a wonderful part of the changing seasons and we should do every thing possible to ensure the night remains a wonderful experience for our children. Most folks are aware of the need for cautionary steps on this haunted evening, particularly in regard to altered treats and safety. Unfortunately, there are dangers associated with this annual goblin festival. The following tips should be considered by all adults and children as a guide to protect our little cherubs during a night of trick-or-treating.

For Parents:

- The safest place is a sponsored event at a mall, school, church or neighborhood event.
- Accompany young children on the route.
- Send older children out with friends, a watch and flashlight.
- Agree to the route and an expected arrival time prior to departure.
- Always check your children's treats prior to consumption.

For Children and Parents:

- Wear light-colored clothing or costumes.
- Use make-up instead of a mask for better visibility.
- Make a map of the route for you and your parents.
- Carry a flashlight or light stick.
- Stay in your own neighborhood.
- Be respectful of other people and their property.
- Stop only at well-lighted houses.
- Have a parent check the treats before you eat them.
- Start early and end early.
- Use sidewalks or walk facing traffic.
- Always keep a safe distance between you and moving vehicles.
- Stop, look and listen at corners or before crossing the street and walk, don't run.
- Don't go between parked cars or crisscross back and forth across the street.
- Never go inside a stranger's house or apartment, no matter what anyone says.
- Don't carry sharp instruments and never carry a lighted candle or open flame.

Any incident involving injury or violations of the law should be reported to the Albuquerque Police Department by calling **911** (Emergency) or **242-COPS** (Non-Emergency).



Human Rights

Submitted by Dolores Crollett

Albuquerque Human Rights Board Accepts Applications for Annual Neil Isbin Scholarship

The Albuquerque Human Rights Office is currently accepting scholarship applications for the Neil Isbin scholarship, a \$1,000 award that will be made to a senior high school student from an Albuquerque public, private, or alternative high school who has been active in the area of human rights and human dignity.

The student must be enrolled or be enrolling in an accredited university or college. The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is **Monday, March 6, 2006**.

Herb and Kathie Isbin established the scholarship trust fund named in memory of their son, Neil Isbin, who died in 1996 of AIDS at the age of 46. Neil Isbin worked as a human rights activist for more than 14 years, both in Houston and in Albuquerque.

Isbin was known as "a master builder of coalitions." He was the leading gay activist in New Mexico for more than a decade, serving as President of Common Bond, President of the New Mexico Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance, and assistant editor of *Out!* Magazine.

Isbin was also the architect of the 1991 and 1993 lobbying efforts for Senate Bill 91, the first attempts to pass a state gay and lesbian civil rights bill.

Though Isbin diligently and persistently fought for gay and lesbian rights, he also created coalitions to fight for affordable health care for all New Mexicans, for tax fairness for working families, and for public employee collective bargaining.

Isbin received a B.A. in history and political science from Rice University and a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Houston. After graduating from Rice his father recalls that he enrolled in a Houston Chevrolet dealer's mechanic's class because "he had never done anything with his hands."

"He was thorough and meticulous as a mechanic and spent twice as much time completing a job as others," states Herb Isbin. "That was his satisfaction—knowing that he was doing the job right."

The Isbin's have a wall in their home displaying their son's many community awards including: the Albuquerque Human Rights Award, the Peace and Justice Award, the New Mexico Solidarity Award, the Common Bond Presidential Award, and an award from the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico. Mayor Martin Chávez issued in Executive Order in remembrance of Isbin when he passed away.

Barbara Korbal, a Ph.D. candidate in American Studies in the field of gender and sexuality at the University of New Mexico, has taken on the task of organizing the 180 boxes of materials that Neil left. She whittled them down to a more manageable 23 boxes of papers that she put in chronological order. These have been placed in the archives in the Fray Angélico Chávez History Library at the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe.

Korbal cites Neil's most important effort as the energy and

passion that he brought to the fight for gay and lesbian rights. "He pulled together pieces of the gay and lesbian civil rights puzzle that set the terrain for activists to begin to get to work in this state," she says.

Neil Isbin died in 1996 before the passage of the Amendment to the New Mexico Human Rights Act in 2004 that banned discrimination against gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender individuals in employment, housing, and public accommodations.

Bennett Hammer, an Albuquerque real estate broker and friend of Isbin's, says, "Neil was the centrality of the campaign for equal rights for gays and lesbians. Without his work, the passage of the law amending the New Mexico Human Rights Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity would never have happened."

Asked whether Neil would have been satisfied with the Amendment of the New Mexico Human Rights Act, Bennett responded negatively as he explained that the Amendment applies to employers with 15 employees or more while other proscribed bases of discrimination under the Act apply to employers with four or more employees.

"Neil would always say that there was more to be done to prevent discrimination and violence against gays and lesbians," Hammett states.

High school seniors interested in applying for the 2006 Neil Isbin Scholarship should call Grace Barragán or write the Albuquerque Human Rights Office for a copy of the scholarship criteria. They may also request the criteria by e-mailing Dolores Crollett at dcrollett@cabq.gov. The mailing address of the Albuquerque Human Rights Office is P.O. Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103, and its phone numbers are **924-3380, 924-3372 (fax) and 800-659-8331 (NM Relay)**.

Transit

Millionth Rapid Rider Campaign

ABQ RIDE and Mayor Martin Chávez began rapid public transportation in Albuquerque last December 2004. Rapid Ride's importance is not only in providing an environmentally friendly, efficient way to travel, but also that it helps promote the City of Albuquerque and Central Avenue as a business, entertainment, educational and cultural corridor in a time when inner cities are being abandoned for suburban business centers. To help grow Rapid Ride's popularity, we are commemorating a symbolic millionth rider. Using planning's statistical forecasting, November 17th is the day that we will have hit the millionth rider plateau.

The two goals of the Millionth Rider campaign are:

1. Celebrate the Millionth Rider Mark.
2. Emphasize the Rapid's popularity by the fact that it reached over 1 million riders.

The Mayor will present the millionth rider with a gift basket, which will include a combination of Transit freebies, a 6-month bus pass, University of New Mexico Lobo tickets and sponsorship gifts to be determined.

Environmental Health

Animal Services Division

Submitted by Oscar Solis

AACC Pet Adoption Programs Offer Convenience and Low Prices

Did you know that you can search for a lost pet or view all adoptable Albuquerque Animal Care Center (AACC) shelter animals from the comfort of your own home? Thanks to an online service provided by AACC, you can now check the web to see shelter animals from both the Westside and Eastside Animal Care Centers.

AACC's online lost and adoptable pet search service is but one of many efforts to promote live exits of its shelter animals. This online service not only helps link adoptable shelter animals with potential pet owners, but also gives a lost pet a chance to be reunited with its owner.

Every lost and stray animal is photographed and registered onto an online database the moment they are received by AACC. Visitors can also now search for an adoptable animal by type, age, gender, color and size. Priority holds are also available.

In addition to its online services, AACC has increased its community involvement through mobile adoption events throughout the City. Each month, AACC's adoptable animals are brought to various local vendors in an effort to find loving families who often are unable to find time to visit the Centers.

The events are supported by AACC's volunteers, who work hard showing off the animals to potential adopters and providing valuable information. The animals are groomed and often times pre-sterilized prior to each event so that families who come ready to adopt are able to take their new pet home that same day.

AACC has already done work with such vendors as REI and the Nob Hill-based Celebro Clothing Store, in addition to the March of Dimes. The Care Center is currently in communication with the Coronado Center and the Isotopes about possible future adoption events.

As much as AACC is doing offsite, the Care Center also focuses much attention to promoting onsite adoptions to shelter visitors through various special events and discounted prices.

The past two months AACC has offered its adoptions at half the original fee to encourage New Mexico animal lovers to adopt a new pet. The discount has been effective as many families are welcoming more and more new pets to their homes. The lowered adoption price still includes vaccinations, sterilization, microchip, city license and first vet visit.

For more information about AACC's upcoming mobile adoption events and discounted prices, visit <www.cabq.gov/pets>.

Office of Emergency Management

Submitted by Brian Fields, Emergency Management Planner

Are You Ready?

"Why were there so many problems with the evacuations in the recent Katrina and Rita disasters? Everybody was quick to blame the local, state and federal officials, but how many people had done their own emergency planning? Were they ready? And are you ready?"

The City's Office of Emergency Management has spoken to several groups about the theme *Are You Ready?*, and has even produced a brochure suggesting folks look at developing a 72-Hour Family

Emergency plan, individually tailored to meet basic survival needs for your family for three days and even up to seven days.

There are real benefits to being prepared. Being prepared can reduce fear, anxiety, and losses that accompany disasters. Communities, families, and individuals should know what to do in the event of a fire and where to seek shelter during a tornado. They should be ready to evacuate their homes and take refuge in public shelters and know how to care for their basic medical needs.

The need to prepare is real. As witnessed in the recent hurricanes along the Gulf region, disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year. Each disaster has lasting effects, both to people and property. If a disaster were to occur in Albuquerque, the City, along with disaster-relief organizations, would do their best to help you, but you need to be ready as well. First responders may not be able to reach you immediately, or they may need to focus their efforts elsewhere. Though our area is not prone to hurricanes, individuals and families should know how to respond to severe weather or any disaster that could occur in the Albuquerque area - wildfires, earthquakes, flooding, and even terrorism, just to name a few. Everyone should also be ready to be self-sufficient for at least three days. This may mean providing for your own shelter, first aid, food, water, and sanitation.

Using this brochure makes preparation practical. The brochure provides advice and ideas on what to put in your emergency kits, car survival kits, establishing telephone contact plans and many other helpful ideas in establishing your survival kit.

In addition to this brochure, there are many other websites and publications available that citizens can reference in preparing for emergencies. "Are You Ready? An In-Depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness" is the Federal Emergency Management Agency's most comprehensive source on individual, family, and community preparedness. "Are You Ready?" provides a step-by-step approach to disaster preparedness by walking the reader through how to get informed about local emergency plans, how to identify hazards that affect their local area, and how to develop and maintain an emergency communications plan and disaster supplies kit. Other topics covered include evacuation, emergency public shelters, animals in disaster, and information specific to people with disabilities.

Copies of "Are You Ready?" are available through the FEMA publications warehouse **1-800-480-2520** or through the FEMA website at <<http://www.fema.gov/areyouready>>.

Other websites containing valuable preparedness information are listed are contained in the brochure. We encourage everyone to take the opportunity to review those links and begin developing your own emergency kit. Preparedness is everyone's job, not just government agencies but all sectors of society. Service providers, businesses, civic and volunteer groups, industry associations and neighborhood associations, as well as every individual citizen, should plan ahead for disasters.

The Office of Emergency Management is dedicated to ensuring that citizens have the information necessary to individually be prepared for any disaster and be ready to act on their own. This brochure is just one form of information that will help citizens be more prepared for such disasters.

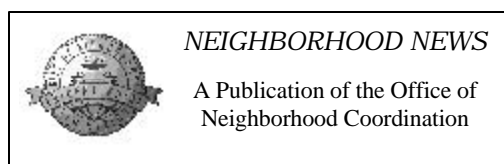


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Where The Locals Meet - Garcia's Cafe On Central

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